

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-5(canceled).

6. (new) Cheese slicer comprising:

a bottom plate constructed and arranged for receiving a block of cheese to be sliced,

a vertical guide rod extending upwardly from the bottom plate, the vertical guide rod having an external thread and terminating in a ball-shaped hand knob,

a slicing arm with a slicing string therealong, and a handle at a distal end and, at a proximal end, a rotatably mounted slicing arm roundel with an internal thread, which is received on the external thread on the guide rod and is swingably mounted,

a holding arm comprising at a proximal end a second roundel coupled to and below the slicing arm roundel, the second roundel having an internal flush bore with a diameter (D) slightly larger than or equal to the vertical guide rod to enable the holding arm to be mounted slidably on the guide rod under the slicing arm roundel, the second roundel being movable vertically with the slicing arm roundel to maintain the holding arm at a predetermined vertical level along a side of the block of cheese,

the holding arm being constructed and arranged to rest against and hold an upper part of a block of cheese on the bottom plate during slicing, the rod being located outside a corner of the cheese with a center line (c-c) in a vertical plane (a-a), which is located parallel with a side of the cheese which is to be supported during the slicing operation.

7. (new) Cheese slicer according to claim 6, wherein the slicing arm roundel extends a distance s below the slicing arm and comprises a milled groove or trace, resulting in a

circumferential edge or collar at the bottom of the slicing arm roundel, the second roundel having a larger outer diameter than the collar and comprising a planar top side against which an under side of the collar rests, the second roundel also having an edge or tongue which can be engaged in the groove when the collar is placed on or slid sideways over a top side of the second roundel.

8. (new) Cheese slicer according to claim 7, wherein the second roundel has a ring-shaped circular raised part with an internal radius on a section of the circumference, the internal radius being equal to or slightly larger than an outer radius of the collar, the tongue being an internal edge on top of the raised part.

9. (new) Cheese slicer according to claim 6, wherein the guide rod comprises a tube with an internal hollow space and a longitudinal through-going slit, and the holding arm or a holding arm extension it is positioned into the second roundel, the holding arm roundel being positioned on the rod such that the holding arm or holding arm extension is positioned into the slit.

10. (new) Cheese slicer according to claim 9, wherein the holding arm has a square cross section comprises at the proximal end a transverse cylindrical element which has an outer diameter equal to internal diameter of the hollow space and fits into the hollow space by light sliding movement, the second roundel having in the under side in a side wall a milled groove which can take up and hold the holding arm in position.